



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

July 7, 2000

Robert A. Matthews, Treasurer
Sonoma County Republican Central Committee
1911 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

RE: MUR 5009

Dear Dr. Matthews:

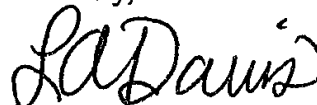
On July 3, 2000, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty you submitted on behalf of Sonoma County Republican Central Committee and you, as treasurer, in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434 (a)(4)(A)(i) and (iii), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B). The enclosed conciliation agreement, however, will become a part of the public record.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files.
If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



Lisa A. Davis
Paralegal Specialist

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 5009
 Sonoma County Republican Central)
 Committee and Jerd A. Lapham,)
 as treasurer)

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities.

The Commission found reason to believe that the Sonoma County Republican Central Committee and Jerd A. Lapham, as treasurer ("Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C.

§ 434(a)(4)(A)(i) and (iii).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C.

§ 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. The Sonoma County Republican Central Committee is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4) and is not an authorized committee of any candidate.

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2. Jerd A. Lapham is the treasurer of the Sonoma County Republican Central Committee.

3. a. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("Act") requires that all political committees other than authorized committees of a candidate shall file quarterly reports in a calendar year in which a regularly scheduled general election is held, which shall be filed no later than the 15th day after the last day of each calendar quarter; except that the report of the quarter ending on December 31 of such calendar year shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following year. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

b. The Act also requires that all political committees shall file a post-general election report, which shall be filed no later than the 30th day after the general election and which shall be complete as of the 20th day after such general election. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii).

4. Respondents failed to timely file their 1998 April Quarterly Report. Respondents were required to file the April Quarterly Report no later than April 15, 1998. The report, which disclosed \$4,190.00 in receipts and \$4,476.72 in disbursements, was not filed until November 9, 1998, 208 calendar days late.

5. Respondents failed to timely file their 1998 July Quarterly Report. Respondents were required to file the July Quarterly Report no later than July 15, 1998. The report, which disclosed \$17,763.00 in receipts and \$12,750.00 in disbursements, was not filed until December 31, 1998, 169 calendar days late.

6. Respondents failed to timely file their 1998 October Quarterly Report. The report was due on October 15, 1998. The report, which disclosed \$3,100.00 in receipts and \$1,037.00 in disbursement, was not filed until December 31, 1998, 77 calendar days late.

7. Respondents failed to file their 1998 30 Day Post-General Report. The report was due on December 3, 1998. In lieu of filing a 1998 30 Day Post-General Report, the Respondents filed a Year End Report covering the period of October 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. The activity for the 1998 30 Day Post-General Report disclosed approximately \$197.34 in receipts and \$520.00 in disbursements. The 1998 Year-End Report was filed on March 4, 1999, which would make the 30 Day Post-General Report 91 calendar days late.

8. Respondents failed to timely file their 1998 Year-End Report. The report was due on January 31, 1999. The report, which disclosed \$841.51 in receipts and \$1,103.00 in disbursements, was not filed until March 4, 1999, 32 calendar days late.

V. Respondents failed to timely file their 1998 April Quarterly, July Quarterly, October Quarterly, 30 Day Post-General and Year-End reports in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i) and (iii).

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of three thousand one hundred dollars (\$3,100.00).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.


IX. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY:


Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Date

7/6/00

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Name

Position

Date

6-6-2000